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29th Legislative Day

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Pastor Donald Pritchard, Zion Lutheran Church, Pleasant Plains, Illinois. Pastor Pritchard.

PASTOR DONALD PRITCHARD:

(Prayer by Pastor Donald Pritchard)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Friday, March 19th; Monday, March 22nd; Tuesday, March 23rd; Wednesday, March 24th; Thursday, March 25th; and Friday, March the 26th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Madam President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, it's so ordered. Messages from the House. SECRETARY HARRY:

Messages from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following

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titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 47, 50, 134, 144, 398, 489, 490, 523, 583, 658, 660, 675, 733, 778, 801, 806, 865, 1160, 1165, 1326, 1327, 1466, 1523, 1590, 1828, 1853, 1854, 2275, 2309, 2336, (2770), 1579, 1695, 1729, 1762, 1801, 1935, 2081, 2120, 2176, 2355, 2626, 2713, 2719, 2831, 92, 95, 100, 182, 306, 389, 353, 487, 506, 539, 703, 706, 742, 784, 816, 878, 1149, 1268, 1340,

1406, 589, 590, 606, 622, 623, 702, 708, 737, 739, 770, 775, 777, 808, 809, 823, 840, 847, 849, 861, 904, 953, 985, 986, 988, 989, 1003, 1005, 1035, 1043, 305, 1215, 1318, 1348, 1409, 1492, 1493, 1568, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1597, 1598, 1628, 1664, 1667, 1670, 1925, 1992, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2067, 2077, 2170, 2171, 2185, 2288, 2605, 2717, 2760 and 2800. (Bill within parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

All passed the House, March 26th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?
SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Madam President, I'd like the record to reflect that Senator Silverstein is not -- is absent today, due to legislative business in his district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

It'll be so noted about Senator Silverstein. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise? One -- one moment, please. Can we have your attention? Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to ask that the record reflect the -- that Senator Parker is excused -- absent and excused due to a death in the family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. It'll be so noted about Senator Parker's absence

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and excuse. House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 22, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 41, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 47, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 52, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 53, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 61, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 69, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 70, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 92, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 127, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 130, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 134, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 144, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 182, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 233, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 303, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 306, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 373, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 398, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 487, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 506, offered by Senator Cronin.
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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 531, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 539, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 555, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 583, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 590, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 606, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 649, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 650, offered by Senators Geo-Karis, del Valle and Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 658, offered by Senator Karpiel.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 668, offered by Senator Silverstein.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 675, offered by Senators Robert Madigan and DeLeo.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 702, offered by Senator Clayborne.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 706, offered by Senator Syverson.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 708, offered by Senator Myers.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 721, offered by Senator Obama.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 742, offered by Senator DeLeo.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 774, offered by Senator Petka.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 777, offered by Senator Watson.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 778, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 801, offered by Senator Maitland.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 803, offered by Senators Munoz and Smith.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 809, offered by Senators Maitland and Philip.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 814, offered by Senator Parker.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
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House Bill 822, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 831, offered by Senator Myers.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 842, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 865, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 870, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 878, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 886, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 931, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 985, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1064, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1065, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1089, offered by Senators Mahar, Clayborne and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1100, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1117, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1132, offered by Senators -- Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1165, offered by Senator Viverito.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1176, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 1198, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1199, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1208, offered by Senator Halvorson.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1219, offered by Senator Lisa Madigan.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1232, offered by Senator Obama.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1247, offered by Senator Parker.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1261, offered by Senator Watson.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1281, offered by Senators Sullivan and Sieben.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1302, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1318, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1327, offered by Senator Peterson.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1328, offered by Senator Parker.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1340, offered by Senator Karpiel.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1348, offered by Senator Parker.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1366, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1383, offered by Senator Maitland.
          (Secretary reads title of bill)
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House Bill 1406, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1441, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1477, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1532, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1534, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1565, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1628, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1645, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1681, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1717, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1672 -- pardon me, 1762, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1778, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1786, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1797, offered by Senators Obama and Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1811, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1834, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 1846, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1856, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1925, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1935, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much. I have an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement, please.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, we were not here on April the 10th, were we, Madam President? No, I guess we weren't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I -- I doubt it.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

On April the 10th, our friend and longtime colleague here, in the back of the Chamber here, Al Bietsch, turned eighty-one years old and I wanted to make sure that we wish him a happy birthday. He's been here as long as the Senate. And we want to say happy birthday. Oh, here he is, right here. Happy birthday to Al.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Happy birthday to you, Al. And many more. Any many more. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

He tells me he's the only honest person in town. He's

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eighty-three, not eighty-one. Eighty-three. Can you believe that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Congratulations. And many more. Proceed, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2023, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2081, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2112, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2137, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2185, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2271, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2273, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2303, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2319, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2320, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2336, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2344, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2355, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2383, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2426, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2428, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2431, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2453, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2457, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2467, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2478, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2489, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2507, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2508, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2509, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2511, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2513, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2518, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2519, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2527, offered by -- offered by Senator

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Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

- House Bill 2528, offered by Senator Rauschenberger (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2532, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2534, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2538, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2541, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2542, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2591, offered by Senator Sullivan.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2593, offered by Senator Parker.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2605, offered by Senator Myers.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2627, offered by Senator -- Hawkinson.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2713, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2719, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2793, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)
- House Bill 2794, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

 (Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2800, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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And House Bill 305, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - House Bills 1897, 1968, 1969 and 2034; to the Committee on Appropriations - House Bills 5, 52, 53, 1064, 1065, 1477, 1532, 1534, 2273, 2383, 2426, 2428, 2431, 2453, 2457, 2467, 2478, 2489, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2511, 2513, 2527, 2528, 2532, 2534, 2538, 2541 and 2542; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - House Bills 555 and 2654; to the Committee on Education - House Bills 19, 1291, 1766, 2218 and 2733; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 163, 2031 and 2771; to the Committee on Executive - House Bills 7, 516, 851, 1464, 1909, 1953, 2283, 2518, 2519, 2758, 2793, 2794,

Senate Resolution 72, Senate Joint Resolutions 27, 28, 29, and House Joint Resolutions 2, 4 and 14; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - House Bills 1281 and 1837; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - House Bills 133, 161, 1355 {sic}, 2166, 2271; re-referred from the Committee on Insurance and Pensions to the Rules Committee - House Bill 2326; to the Committee on Judiciary, referrals - House Bills 498, 731, 832, 934, 1098, 1175, 1177, 1194, 1298, 1720, 1738, 1759, 2381 and 2855; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - House Bills 620, 675, 1113, 1879 and 2194; to the Committee on Local Government - House Bills 153, 321, -- or, 895, 2298, and House Joint Resolution 8; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - House Bills 77, 317, 596, 1280, 1325, 1832, 2574, and Senate Resolutions 70 and 71; to the Committee on Revenue - House Bills 542, 1317, 1962, 2741 and 2744;

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to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bills 340, 492, 1510 and 2790; to the Committee on Transportation - House Bills 2792, 2824, Senate Joint Resolution 30; and a Sponsorship Change Approved Pursuant to Rule 5-1(c) - House Bill 1265, Senator Cronin is the new sponsor.

Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government,

reports House Bills 607, 835, 939, 1352 and 2008 Do Pass; and House Bills 1365, 2041 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Charles Woodward, Director of Legislative Affairs, April 14th, 1999.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 91st General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1230, offered by Senators Larry Walsh and Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1231, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 76, offered by Senator O'Malley and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 75 -- or, 77, by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 78, by Senator Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 79, by Senator Shaw.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 80, offered by Senator O'Malley.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purposes of an announcement. The State Government Operations Committee will be meeting at noon tomorrow on the Senate Floor. Noon tomorrow, instead of 1 o'clock, on the Senate Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Any further announcements? Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Yes. Thank you. For -- for purposes of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your purpose, sir.

SENATOR KLEMM:

The Senate Executive Committee -- the Senate Executive Committee is scheduled to meet at 1 o'clock tomorrow. That has been changed to 12 noon tomorrow. We'll meet one hour earlier for the Senate Executive meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senate Executive Committee will meet at 12 noon tomorrow, instead of at 1 o'clock. Any further announcements? Senator

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Demuzio. Hold on until I get some order here.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Madam President. This must be old-timer's day. I'm sure everybody remembers our former Senator, Dick Luft, who's here visiting with us today. He's the guy who's still dyeing his hair. Could you imagine that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, I won't comment on his hair, but welcome, retired Senator Richard Luft. Any further announcements? Is there any further business to come before this Senate? Hearing none -- Senator Karpiel. Would you put Senator Karpiel on, please?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

I love to be turned on. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's an admission against interest. Go ahead, ma'am.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

I -- I rise to announce a caucus, a Republican Caucus, in Senator Philip's Office immediately upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senate Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I want to yield to Senator Smith.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Margaret Smith. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen. I'd like to make a request. Caucus for the Democratic Party in the Office of Emil Jones right away, as soon as possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's in order. Senator Smith requests a Democrat Caucus immediately after adjournment today. Any further announcements?

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Senator Demuzio? Any further business to come before the Senate? If not, the Senate -- Senator Noland moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, April 15. 11 a.m. tomorrow, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We're adjourned.